

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: TENTATIVE DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER FOR
164-166 HOWARD AVENUE IN THE MODEL CITIES
AREA OF ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority desires to improve the neighborhoods of the City by ridding them of blight wherever possible; and

WHEREAS, the Central Roxbury Learning Center, Inc. has expressed the desire to rehabilitate an abandoned vacant building;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. That the Central Roxbury Learning Center be and hereby is tentatively designated as the Redeveloper of 164-166 Howard Avenue, Roxbury subject to:
 - (a) Submission within thirty (30) days of evidence of the qualifications and financial resources necessary to acquire and rehabilitate the aforementioned property; and
 - (b) Submission within thirty (30) days of plans and specifications for review by the Authority.
2. That disposal of said parcels by negotiation is the appropriate method of making the land available for redevelopment.

MEMORANDUM

December 2, 1970

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: JOHN D. WARNER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MODEL CITIES AREA
TENTATIVE DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER OF
164-166 HOWARD AVENUE, ROXBURY

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority tentatively designate the Central Roxbury Learning Center, Inc. redeveloper of 164-166 Howard Avenue, a tax foreclosed property in the Model Cities Area.

The Central Roxbury Community Learning Center is incorporated as a private, non-profit organization. It was formed by a number of educators and concerned citizens to help provide supplementary educational programs for the children in the Grove Hall area.

In the past, the Center has operated in a church basement. The success of the program has now made it necessary for the Directors to find a larger and more permanent home for the Center. The building on Howard Avenue that they have asked to buy has been owned by the City under tax-foreclosure for two years. It is now vacant and susceptible to fire. The Learning Center plans to rehabilitate it and install an art workshop, a library, and a mathematics and science laboratory. This proposal was presented to the Model Neighborhood Board and received unanimous approval.

Inasmuch as this proposal will help to improve a neighborhood by the rehabilitation of a vacant and deteriorating building and will provide a much needed center for the children of the area, I recommend that the Authority tentatively designate the Central Roxbury Learning Center, Inc. as the redeveloper of 164-166 Howard Avenue.

An appropriate resolution is attached.

